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**Save the Dates:**  
Summer Bridge  
program for  
students new to  
Lyons:  
Tuesday -  
Thursday,  
August 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup>

Third Annual  
Community  
Potluck  
Thursday,  
August 6<sup>th</sup> at  
5:00

Everyone  
invited. Bring  
your favorite  
dish

**Important  
Announcement:  
New Start and**

## Summer Bridge to Welcome New

Our third annual Summer Bridge program will take place this August 4th, 5th and 6th at Lyons.

For students new to Lyons, it's a time to meet, have fun, and learn with teachers and new friends-to-be. The program is designed to welcome new students and to help them to feel comfortable joining a new community this fall. For some new students, September means starting Middle School, or starting High School. This is a really big change. As a school, we want to help that transition as much as we can.

Summer Bridge runs from 9:00-2:00 pm on Tuesday and Wednesday and from 11:00 to 5:00 on Thursday. Our Family BBQ and potluck start at 5:00 on Thursday. Students should bring lunch and a bottle of water for the day.

In the past, Summer Bridge has been a fun way for students to get to know each other before the school year begins. Students that participate come in to school feeling more comfortable in the new environment and ready to get to work!

At the end of three days, the Lyons staff, students and families get together for a barbecue and an afternoon of games. Bring your family! We will too! **All families – returning and new – are welcome to attend the potluck!**



Summer  
Bridge  
2007 –  
year one!

## University Partnership for Lyons

Dear marvelous Lyons families,

For the last few months we have been working with the School of Education of Long Island University, Brooklyn Campus, to form a mutually beneficial partnership. We are excited to announce that LIU will become our Lead Partner.

This partnership will give us numerous opportunities to work closely with and take advantage of the resources of this wonderful institute of higher learning. Our students will be able to go on regular trips to LIU helping them to become accustomed to college and college life. LIU professors, other staff members and their students will be spending time at Lyons working with both our staff and students, helping us to continue to improve our school through professional development and to decrease our adult-student ratio in classes and after-school. Together we will be seeking other ways

that Lyons and LIU can work together.

Lyons students who demonstrate readiness to take classes at a college level will be able to take classes at LIU for free, giving them an opportunity to earn college credit while in high school. This will expand the possibilities of classes our students can take. While we believe the benefits of attending a small school greatly outweigh the benefits of a large school, we realize small schools necessitate fewer options of classes. This partnership will help to solve some of these frustrations, especially for students with very particular interests.

LIU is very excited about working with us because they believe Lyons philosophy matches their own. Their pre-service teachers will get to see a school working very hard to embody good educational practices.

With love, taeko

## Important Reminder: Be prepared for the first

School starts on September 9<sup>th</sup>. We can't wait to catch up with you all and hear about your summer!

Please make sure you are prepared for the first day of school by completing your **summer reading challenge**. Independent reading is an essential part of every student's development throughout the entire year – including the summer! As you can see in the assignment (enclosed) you are expected to read *three books* and to respond to them in a *reading journal*. Even if you have not started this assignment, there is still time to complete it. Go to the library and get started reading today! Ask the librarian for suggestions if you are having trouble finding something that you enjoy reading.

You can also get prepared for school by making sure that you have the necessary school supplies. Although we provide many necessary supplies for students, we request that you have everything on the list by the first day of school. Your teachers may give you more specific information when your classes meet for the first time.

### *Upcoming Dates:*

Summer Bridge for New Students: Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 9:00 – 2:00 on Tuesday and Wednesday, 11:00 – 5:00 on Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

Annual Community Potluck: Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> 5:00 **Everyone (new and current students and families) is invited!!**

First day of school: Wednesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – 8:00 am start time for new students, 12:00 start time for returning students (returning students can come at 11:00 for lunch)

First PTA meeting – September 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:30



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